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Dear Professor Holmes:

I am writing this letter as a follow up of our meeting with One Essex Plaza Tenants Association, Inc., Swinging Seniors and Essex Plaza Management.

It was my understanding that everyone agreed that a meeting would be scheduled between One Essex Plaza Tenants Association, Inc and Swinging Seniors with the purpose of bringing unity. Both you and I were supposed to be present to facilitate this meeting, however due to a conflict in your schedule, Larry Hamm from People For Progress acted as a facilitator.

I was very disappointed about the meeting that took place on August 13, 2004. Although the purpose of the meeting was to bring about unity between the two groups, not even one official was present from Swinging Seniors. Without the leadership from both groups, there is no real possibility that unity will ever take place.

It is my belief that if Swinging Seniors intended to honestly work towards unity, than the officials from Swinging Seniors would have been present or at least had the courtesy to notify everyone of a conflict and rescheduled. This was not done and to my knowledge has not taken place to date.

My general feeling is that the idea of holding this unity meeting on the part of Swinging Seniors was really a hoax or a sham from the beginning.

Sincerely,

Frank Hutchins, Director
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